

PROCLAMATION **ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY** APRIL 23, 2008

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of North Dakota benefit greatly from libraries located across our great state, as they enable North Dakotans of all ages and backgrounds to access books and other resources that open new opportunities for lifelong learning and self-discovery; and

WHEREAS, in order to help maintain books in a variety of different genres, our libraries depend upon the support of a variety of partners to enhance both the quantity and quality of learning resources available to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as AdoptALibrary.org help connect individuals and organizations that want to donate new and used books to libraries free of charge; and

WHEREAS, it gives me pleasure to note that AdoptALibrary.org has helped a number of schools and communities that have experienced past difficulties in acquiring library resources, particularly our Native American community and college libraries; and

WHEREAS, I am pleased to join with officials from other states, in recognizing April 23, 2008, as Adopt a Library Day, and I encourage all North Dakotas to consider donating books to help others gain new knowledge and wisdom.

NOW THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2008, ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven

Governor

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